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## St. Helens Police Department Earns Oregon Accreditation

After several years of hard work, the St. Helens Police Department earned accreditation through the Oregon Accreditation Alliance in April 2017. Of the approximately 175 law enforcement agencies in Oregon, St. Helens joins only 42 other agencies in the state to earn accreditation and is the first law enforcement agency in Columbia County to become accredited.

Accreditation provides law enforcement and 9-1-1 agencies with a method for measuring their performance and accountability and ultimately the quality of services provided to the citizens of Oregon. Learn more about accreditation and the review process that the St. Helens Police Department went through on page 6.

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### Holiday Office Closures

City offices will be closed on the following dates this summer in observance of federal holidays. This includes St. Helens City Hall, St. Helens Public Library, Public Works City Shops and the administrative office at the St. Helens Police Department.

- **July 4: Independence Day**
- **September 4: Labor Day**

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## New Shelter at McCormick Park



### The new McCormick Park picnic shelter

**M**cCormick Park is home to a new covered shelter thanks to a \$15,810 grant from the Oregon Parks & Recreation Department through their Local Government Grant Program. The City of St. Helens was awarded the grant in 2016 to install a covered picnic shelter at McCormick Park but had to wait until sunny, dry weather in late spring 2017 to begin installation. The work was performed by St. Helens Public Works staff.

The shelter is located between the playground equipment and restrooms and is 24 feet by 30 feet. The City plans to eventually provide water and electrical connections to the spot. This is the second reservable covered shelter at McCormick Park. If you would like to make a reservation, stop by St. Helens City Hall or call 503-397-6272. Keep in mind that reservation spots fill up fast during the summer months, so contact City Hall as soon as you have a date in mind so that City staff can put a tentative reservation on the parks calendar.

## Summer Fun and Your Pet

**W**arm weather is a great time to enjoy the outdoors and many dog owners bring their family pet along for the fun. Please keep the following rules in mind when taking your dog for a walk or to the park:

1. Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times when they are outside of your home or property, except in the designated off-leash areas at McCormick Park and Grey Cliffs Park.
2. Dog waste should be picked up and disposed of in an appropriate trash receptacle.
3. If you see or catch a dog at-large, call non-emergency dispatch at 503-397-1521.



## Sign Rules for Garage Sales

**P**osting signs around the city is a popular way to promote your garage sale. Please keep in mind the following rules about garage sale signs in St. Helens city limits:

- No permit is required, but any sign needs to comply with city law and not create a hazard. Otherwise, the sign may be confiscated.
- Such sign cannot be attached to fences, trees, shrubbery, utility poles, or traffic control signs or devices.
- The sign needs to be portable and temporary in nature.
- If there is a sidewalk or curb along the street, the sign needs to be behind the sidewalk or curb (not in the street). Also, people should be able to get around the sign

if it is placed on a sidewalk. This includes people in wheelchairs and those with strollers.

- Consent of the adjacent property owner is required. So please talk to the property owner to make sure it's okay with them.
- No lights on signs.
- If an A-frame type sign is used, it should not be larger than six square feet in area and four feet in height.
- Signs may be placed two weeks before the event and must be removed within three days after.

If you have any additional questions about garage sale signs, please contact the St. Helens Planning Department at 503-397-6272.



# St. Helens Urban Renewal Update

The final Urban Renewal City Council Public Hearing will be held on July 19, 2017 in the Council Chambers at 6 p.m. The St. Helens City Council will consider an ordinance for the adoption of the proposed St. Helens Urban Renewal Plan and Report, which can be seen on the Urban Renewal Project web page on the City's website.

Urban renewal was recommended as one of the key funding sources for implementation of the Framework Plan, which is a plan that will guide the Waterfront Redevelopment Project. To learn more about the Waterfront Redevelopment Project, please view the Waterfront Redevelopment Project website (see Reference Links section).

## Background

In October 2016, the City began working with EcoNorthwest to explore urban renewal as a way to fund key projects on the waterfront, along U.S. 30, Old Portland Road, and St. Helens Street/Columbia Blvd.

Urban renewal is a funding tool used throughout Oregon to provide infrastructure financing to implement city plans in specific areas. It is not a new tax on property. It is one of the most powerful tools that local governments have to alleviate blight and stimulate new development. Project

revenues are generated through annual property tax growth and new investments within the project area. The proposed St. Helens urban renewal project area includes the waterfront, Highway 30, Old Portland Road and the St. Helens Street/Columbia Boulevard couplet. Project examples include road extensions, parking infrastructure, new parks and open spaces, streetscape improvements, wayfinding and utility upgrades. A map of the project boundary, a draft project list, cost estimates, timeline, and other urban renewal resources can be seen on our Urban Renewal Project website.

## Questions, comments, or concerns?

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## Reference Links

- Urban Renewal: <http://www.ci-st-helens.or.us/planning/page/urban-renewal-study>
- Waterfront Redevelopment: <http://www.ci-st-helens.or.us/planning/page/waterfront-redevelopment-project>
- Framework Plan: [http://www.ci-st-helens.or.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/planning/page/306/framework\\_plan\\_and\\_appendices.pdf](http://www.ci-st-helens.or.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/planning/page/306/framework_plan_and_appendices.pdf)

# From the Desk of Mayor Rick Scholl



After months of rain and clouds, it's always nice to see everyone outdoors as we start to have several days of sunny, warm weather. We are lucky to have the

Columbia River right on our doorstep in St. Helens. May people enjoy fishing, boating, swimming and kayaking when the weather starts to heat up.

Although the Columbia River is a lot of fun, people should remember to respect the river. The water is still running high and temperatures are very cold early in the summer as snow melt continues to feed the swift currents that run past St. Helens. Make sure that no matter what river activities you enjoy this year, have your safety gear handy and wear a life jacket. Kids especially should always wear a life jacket when playing in and around the river. Taking safety precautions now can avoid a tragic outcome in the future.

While there are many fun activities to enjoy on the water, St. Helens also has many summer events to enjoy on the land. 13 Nights on the River concerts always draw a large crowd of people, in addition to the annual St. Helens Kiwanis Parade and 4th of July celebration and fireworks show.

This year, I am proposing a new activity for our community called Citizens Day in the Park on Saturday, August 12. This will be an all-day event in McCormick Park for the entire family to enjoy. We are planning a car show, live band, a DJ for teens later in the afternoon, disc golf, and hamburgers and hot dogs provided by IGA Market Fresh.

We still have some details to organize, so watch our monthly newsletter and Facebook page for more details. In the meantime, mark your calendars and I hope to see everyone at McCormick Park on Saturday, August 12.

Sincerely,  
Mayor Rick Scholl

## Urban Renewal Stakeholder Outreach

Timing	Meeting	Discussion Topics
Oct. 12, 2016	Open House #1	Urban Renewal Overview
Nov. 15, 2016	Advisory Committee (AC) #1	Major concerns/issues; boundary
Dec. 2016 - Jan. 2017	Taxing District Outreach	Boundary and projects
Feb. 7, 2017	AC #2	TIF projections & initial bonding capacity, timing, projects
Feb. 21, 2017	Open House #2	Review projects
Mar. 15, 2017	City Council Briefing	Review process to date, including financial plan
Apr. 18, 2017	AC #3	Review draft plan and detailed financial plan
May 3, 2017	Urban Renewal Agency (URA) Meeting #1	Recommended PC and CC Review of the Plan and Report. Reviewed URA Best Practices.
June 13, 2017	Planning Commission	Review for compliance of UR Plan and Report w/ Comp. Plan
July 19, 2017	City Council Public Hearing	Adoption Public Hearing for UR Final Plan and Report

## From the Desk of the City Council



**Doug Morten**

Allow me to introduce a key player on our staff that is really making a difference with our

parks. She is Jenny Dimsho, Associate Planner for the City. I have asked her to update us on upcoming upgrades and future plans regarding parks:

*"Hi everyone! As the weather warms up and you venture outside, you may notice some construction and installation of new amenities. First is the new covered picnic next to the restrooms and playground in McCormick Park. We are pleased to have received a grant through OR Parks & Recreation Dept. (OPRD) to fund the majority of this project.*

*"Construction will soon begin at Nob Hill Nature Park (NHNP). A staircase to connect the interim trail on the veneer site to the nature trails of the park will be installed by the end of summer. This connection will improve safe pedestrian access to the waterfront and park. NHNP will also be getting a kiosk at the entrance to the park on Plymouth St.*

*"We are also in the planning stages for the expansion of the McCormick Park Veterans Memorial Plaza. We received a grant through OPRD to expand the memorial to include those lost in more recent conflicts and to better accommodate visitors during the annual Veterans Day celebration.*

*"Lastly, I want to thank the Portland State students who have been working since February to gather community feedback and create a site plan for the Columbia View Park expansion onto the former veneer site. Once approved by Council, this plan will be used to guide future development of the park. I am so grateful to be assisting with so many incredible park projects this year. I hope you have a great summer!"*

Working with staff members like Jenny is indeed invigorating. She is a catalyst in creating an effective team with our staff, commissions and Council.

Respectfully,

Doug Morten - Council President,  
Department of Public Works &  
Parks



**Keith Locke**

Dear Community,

I hope most of us are in agreement that we need to get the city

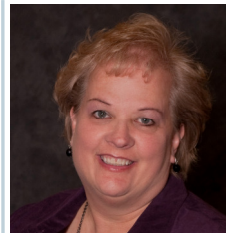
and county out of this recession! The staff and City Council are working on many projects that we believe will help us down that road, but we need your help. We need to clean the city and make it look presentable to anyone that would be looking to move their business or family here. It's the little things that will help and everyone needs to get involved by picking up trash, mowing our lawns, organizing the personal things around our house, and picking up after our dogs, especially in the parks and on the streets.

Let's all work at this. Talk to your neighbors, and we can make our home (St. Helens) something we can be proud of. We need to show the world that we care. We want to leave our kids a friendly, clean city to grow up in and have it be something they can be honored to be a part of. Let's all get into spring cleaning!

Have a great day!

Keith Locke

Sign up for the new St. Helens Police Department app and get emergency alerts on your phone. You can also report suspicious activity or make a nuisance/code enforcement complaint directly through the app. Use the QR code below or search for "St. Helens Police Department" in your phone's app store.



**Ginny Carlson**

It is great to live on the Columbia River in the summer and St. Helens is something special. Small town

charm, volunteers, and community spirit all seem to peak in these summer months.

St. Helens is great because of its people and the fun activities in our area, but it is even better when we do it together. Many non-profits and festivals can really use our help as they struggle with a smaller number volunteers each year and volunteer burnout by the remaining people that continue to put in long hours to make our free events and non-profit organizations a success.

As it turns out, volunteering doesn't just benefit your community. According to a Forbes article from March 2015, volunteering is also good for you in so many ways:

1. Volunteering your time makes you feel like you have more time
2. Volunteering your skills helps you develop new skills
3. Volunteering your body helps you have a healthier body
4. Volunteering your experience helps build your experience
5. Volunteering your love makes you feel more love

Additional benefits of volunteering that will inspire you from a March 2017 article in Balance include: builds community; ends loneliness; increases socializing, builds bonds, creates friends; develops emotional stability; improves self-esteem; helps those most affected by mental illness; promotes longevity; reduces risk of Alzheimer's; leads to graceful aging; burns that stubborn belly fat; improves school and college experience; provides better job prospects, develops corporate communities; and adds fun to your years.

Volunteering can create great change. It is amazing to think that one person's efforts can change the life of someone else. However, the best part, and often most overlooked, is that volunteering is just plain fun.





## Susan Conn

Recently I had the opportunity to represent St. Helens as part of the interview process for an Executive Director for the

Port of St. Helens. I was particularly struck by the depth of research done by one of the candidates and some of his observations about our community, as well as comments by other finalists as objective outsiders. Each of them viewed Columbia County as being on the cusp of economic prosperity.

Listening to people from outside our community, with global business and economic experience, validated my belief in our attributes and potential. We really are poised on the brink of major changes that will affect our economic future, and I was reminded that we need to plan for that future.

When we talk about future growth we can expect as a result of economic changes in our region, we need to look again at our housing needs, both current and future. Conscious of the need for finding solutions, I attended a presentation on Cottage Cluster Development by Eli Spevak of Orange Splot, LLC, a development company with experience in building community oriented housing that meets the needs of all income levels. Cottage Clusters are a "smart growth" concept that revives an old idea for higher density housing. They can provide the privacy of a single family home, but on a smaller individual lot with shared common space. That space can take the form of a lawn, water feature, community garden or maybe a park. A community like this has the potential to meet the diverse needs of families, empty nesters who are downsizing and a generation of young people who can neither afford, nor do they need or want a lot of square footage to maintain. Interesting concept.

This presentation was part of information gathering for the countywide Housing Market Analysis led by Community Action Team with ECONorthwest, an effort that the City of St. Helens helped fund. Both our city planners and building inspector are a part of this work group, together with local developers, realtors, appraisers, nonprofit housing advocates, credit unions, CAT staff, Habitat for Humanity staff, city staff from throughout the county and others. Together we hope to find solutions to providing more housing for all income levels: solutions that work for our community, for all of you, and into the future.

## Columbia View Park Splash Pad Hours

The splash pad at Columbia View Park on the St. Helens riverfront is an excellent place to bring your kids to cool off during the heat of the summer. During the summer and as long as temperatures remain high, the splash pad is operational from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

A new activation sensor has been installed. It is mounted on a black metal pole next to the splash pad and has replaced the old foot sensor pad. Press the button during hours of operation to turn the water on.

## St. Helens Youth Council Recognized



Members of the City of St. Helens Youth Council were recognized for their volunteer service by City Councilors at a regular session meeting on Wednesday, June 7.

The Youth Council meets every other Monday at 7 p.m. at St. Helens City Hall. If you are in grades six to 12 and are enrolled in the St. Helens School District or a home school program, you can join the Youth Council.

Download an application on the City's website: <http://www.ci.st-helens.or.us/bc-youth/page/youth-council>.

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# St. Helens Police Department Accreditation

St. Helens Police Chief Terry Moss had a goal to become an accredited police agency since his days as a lieutenant. However, with limited staff available to work on the paperwork-intensive accreditation process, it wasn't until July 2014 that the St. Helens Police Department formally started its journey to become an accredited agency.

To become accredited, an agency generally takes an average of 18-24 months to prepare for the required onsite assessment. During this time, the agency documents its compliance with Oregon Accreditation Alliance (OAA) standards, reviews all agency policies and procedures, and must update or revise any deficiencies before an onsite assessment occurs.

Municipal Court Clerk Malinda Duran started working on the accreditation paperwork in her spare time at St. Helens City Hall in 2014. When she was promoted to the police support specialist position and transferred to the Police Department in October 2014, the accreditation process was put on hold while she learned her new job. In the meantime, the St. Helens Police Department made policy changes and decided to move forward with an electronic documentation system for their accreditation submittal, which made the documentation process easier for Duran to complete once she was able to return to her accreditation documentation.

The Oregon Accreditation Alliance (OAA) awards accreditation to law enforcement and 911 agencies in the states of Oregon and Alaska. They are governed by a board that is composed of representatives from the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police, the Oregon State Sheriff's Association and the Oregon Chapter of the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials.

The OAA was formed to provide Oregon law enforcement agencies with a method of measuring their performance and accountability, regardless of the size or type of agency. All mandatory standards come from the Commission on

Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) and are intended to increase the level of professionalism among law enforcement agencies and better serve Oregon communities.

The majority of Duran's work on the St. Helens Police Department accreditation involved reading through the OAA standards and finding corresponding documentation in St. Helens Police Department policies that showed that the agency met the OAA standards.

There are 141 standards that a law enforcement agency must meet in order to receive accreditation. Each standard may have a single or multiple parts that an agency must prove that they comply with.

Not only did the St. Helens Police Department have to prove in their policies where they complied with the OAA standards, but they also had to provide proof that they complied with the standards in their day-to-day practices. This meant providing additional documentation, such as case reports that showed an officer's proper use of force and signed oaths of office from existing



**St. Helens Police Chief Terry Moss (left) and Police Support Specialist Malinda Duran accept an accreditation plaque presented to the St. Helens Police Department on Thursday, April 13, 2017, at the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police annual conference in Bend.**

officers.

When the Police Department found a policy that did not fully meet the OAA standards, the Department policy had to be updated before the accreditation process could continue.

After documenting compliance with the 141 OAA standards, the St. Helens Police Department notified the OAA in March 2017 that they were ready for the next phase of the process: an onsite assessment.

Once the OAA reviewed the policies and proof of compliance that the Police Department had submitted, they conducted their onsite assessment on March 27, 2017. Some proofs of compliance needed to be observed by the assessor during the site visit; for instance, seeing an officer wear his or her vest and use a seatbelt, confirming that there are working security alarms on the police station building, etc.

On April 13, 2017, at the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police annual conference in Bend, Police Chief Moss and Police Support Specialist Duran were formally presented with



an accreditation plaque for officially becoming an accredited agency.

There are approximately 175 law enforcement agencies in Oregon. The St. Helens Police Department joined only 42 other agencies in the state and became the first law enforcement agency in Columbia County to become accredited.

“This is a huge milestone for the St. Helens Police Department,” said Chief Terry Moss. “To hear the onsite assessor’s positive comments about our agency and our staff reaffirms the work done by an outstanding group of men and women. Being one of a handful of agencies in the state to meet these best practices says a lot about who we are and what we do as an agency. Our officers and the community should feel proud.”

As is the case with most accreditation agencies, the process does not end once accreditation is awarded. In order to remain an accredited agency, the St. Helens Police Department will have to submit an annual report to the OAA, answering five pages of questions and stating that they are still in compliance with the OAA standards. Every three years, the Police Department will need to become re-accredited. Although less work-intensive since most policies are already documented from the previous accreditation process, there are still 21 OAA standards that will need to be updated with proof that the St. Helens Police Department has complied with those standards on a yearly basis.

For more information about the Oregon Accreditation Alliance, visit their website at <http://www.oracall.org/>.

## Accreditation by the Numbers

43

The number of law enforcement agencies in Oregon out of approximately 175 total agencies that have earned accreditation

33

The number of months it took the St. Helens Police Department to complete the accreditation process

141

The number of Oregon Accreditation Alliance standards that the St. Helens Police Department had to prove through documentation that they complied with

3

The number of years that the St. Helens Police Department will be accredited before they must go through the process again to become re-accredited

## New App Connects Residents with St. Helens Police Department

The St. Helens Police Department has launched a new smartphone app to provide the St. Helens community with a free and modern method of communicating and connecting with the Department.

The app includes the latest police press releases, alerts and upcoming events where people can meet and connect with local police officers. Once the app is downloaded and push notifications are enabled, it also allows the St. Helens Police Department to send alerts to users’ phones in the event of an emergency situation.

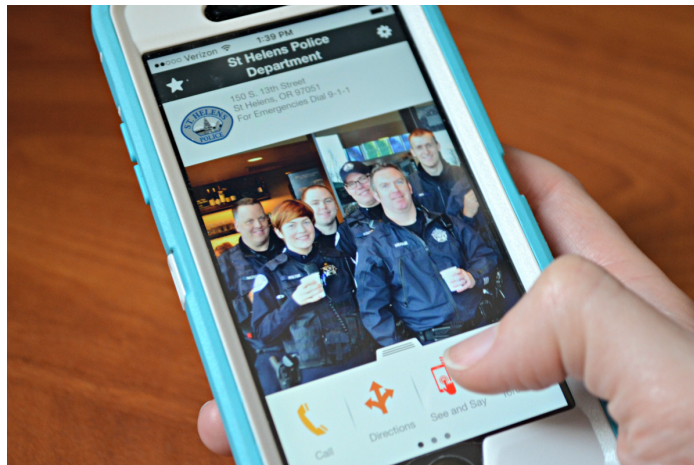
The app includes a See and Say feature that gives residents the ability to report code enforcement issues or suspicious activity from their phone. Select the See and Say button in the app and a list of reporting categories will appear. People can report an abandoned vehicle, suspicious person or vehicle, drug information, a tip on an unsolved crime or wanted person, make a nuisance complaint, or submit a

barking dog complaint. App users have the option to provide information anonymously and can attach pictures and a detailed message with their submittal. Once information is submitted, a notification is forwarded to the appropriate police department staff member for follow up. Certain reporting categories will connect the user directly with non-emergency dispatch on their phone.

To download the free app, open Google Play (Android) or the App Store (iOS) on your smartphone and search for “St. Helens Police Department” or “St. Helens PD.” Download the app from LogicTree IT Solutions.

This app is a work in progress, and new reporting categories will be added as the need arises. If you have a suggestion about a feature that you would like to see

included in the app, please contact St. Helens Police Chief Terry Moss at [terrym@ci.st-helens.or.us](mailto:terrym@ci.st-helens.or.us) or 503-397-3333, extension 219.



**St. Helens Police Department launched a new smartphone app in June 2017 that allows residents to report suspicious activity or nuisance complaints directly from their phone.**

## St. Helens Public Library

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St. Helens, OR 97051  
503-397-4544

### HOURS

Mon. through Thurs.: 10 a.m.—7 p.m.  
Friday: 10 a.m.—5 p.m.  
Saturday: 10 a.m.—2 p.m.  
Sunday: Closed



# Summer Library Challenge and Summer Reading Program



## Take the Summer Library Challenge

*We're taking Summer Reading to the next level this year!*

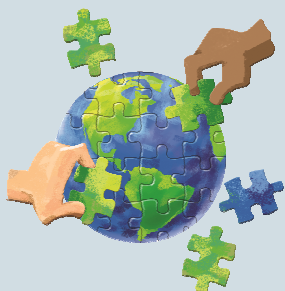
**Ages: 0-18    Registration: Begins June 19**

- Receive a free book when you sign up for the Summer Library Challenge: Build a Better World.
- Earn prizes by keeping track of the time you spend reading, exploring, creating, and helping. We will give you a booklet when you register with suggestions for ways you can explore, create and help. Weekly prizes have been donated by local businesses each week.
- There will be weekly raffles for participants who go above and beyond!
- When you complete the challenge, you'll get a bag and tickets to the Oregon State Fair.
- The Summer Library Challenge is aimed at kids ages 6-18.
- Parents of children ages 0-6 can sign up for their own version of the challenge, which focuses on reading, talking, singing, writing, and playing with their children.

## Build a Better World: Adult Summer Reading Program

**Ages: 18-99+    Registration: Begins June 19**

- The first 100 people to sign-up will receive a free bag.
- The program will run through August 5.
- Participants can either play tic-tac-toe or submit book reviews for weekly prize drawings.
- The drawing for a grand prize will happen on August 7.



## Summer Reading Party

**Saturday, August 12, 11 a.m.—12:30 p.m.  
In the Columbia Center (Library) Courtyard**

The Library hosts an annual end-of-summer party for all families who participated in the Summer Reading Program. Join us in the courtyard at the Library for yard games and ice cream and to claim your final prizes. All ages.



# Summer Library Events

## FOR ADULTS

### **Fiber Fanatics**

**Thursdays, 10 a.m.—Noon, Armstrong Room**

Hang out with fellow fiber enthusiasts this summer every Thursday from 10 a.m. until noon. Knit, crochet, hardanger, spin, or practice any other fabric art of your choice.

### **The Basics of Home Canning**

**Tuesday, June 27, 6:30–7:30 p.m., Auditorium**

Join us for a conversation with Jenny Rudolph of the OSU Extension Service about safe methods of home canning. We will discuss when and how to use a pressure canner vs. a boiling water bath canner and other tips to successfully preserve your harvest. Bring your pressure canner gauge to be tested for FREE while you are here. Canner gauge testing will be available 15 minutes before the talk or immediately following the talk.

### **Insects that Bug You**

**Tuesday, July 25, 7 p.m., Library**

Explore some of the more vexing insects in and around our homes. Subjects will include mosquitoes, cockroaches, fleas, yellow jackets, box elder bugs, stink bugs, carpenter and other ants, and more. Information will be provided on identification and management.

### **Furry Freeloaders: How to Vanquish Varmints from Your Yard**

**Tuesday, August 1, 7 p.m., Library**

Look at some of the animals that live comfortably in St. Helens and can cause problems for homeowners. Information will be provided on life history, identification, and management options.

### **Friends of the St. Helens Public Library Quarterly Art Show**

**Art on Display in the Library all August**

#### **Artist Talk: Diane Dunn**

**Thursday, August 3, 7 p.m., Library**

Diane has been creating art in various mediums since a young age. Her explorations in mixed media and found objects collage is her passion. Her large painting entitled "Conscience Graffiti" was selected in the acrylic category for the All Alaskan Juried Art Exhibition and shown at the Anchorage

Art Museum. She was a founding board member of the International Gallery of Contemporary Art in Anchorage, Alaska. Diane is currently on the Arts and Cultural Commission and enjoys teaching community art classes. She is the founder of the Art Hive of Deer Island, a community art studio that encourages creativity and inclusiveness. Her August show "Scraping By" will feature acrylic paintings using a scraping method she has been experimenting with for five years.

### **The Space Between Us: Immigrants, Refugees, and Oregon**

**Oregon Humanities Conversation Project Tuesday, August 8, 7 p.m., Library**

Global displacement is on the rise, thanks to intractable conflicts, economics, and climate change. Oregonians have and will continue to see the results of international migration in our neighborhoods. In this conversation, Manuel Padilla, who has worked with refugees in Haiti, Chad, and Washington, DC, asks participants to consider questions of uprootedness, hospitality, identity, perception, and integration and how we might build more informed, responsive, resilient, and vibrant communities.

## FOR YOUTH & TEENS

### **Family Storytime (Replaces all school-year storytime schedules)**

**Thursdays, 11:15 a.m., Children's Room Beginning June 22**

Join other families for stories, songs, movement, fingerplays, puppets, and more. This is geared toward children ages 0-6, but children of all ages are welcome with a parent or caregiver.

### **Make It! Series**

**Wednesdays, 2-3:30 p.m., Auditorium**

Use your imagination to create things, solve problems, and maybe discover a new hobby along the way as you get hands-on with science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), arts, and DIY activities. Activities are for ages 6-14. A limited number of spots are available and registration is required; call the Library at 503-397-4544 to sign up and find out what the theme will be for the Wednesday that you are interested in.

*Youth and teen events continued on next page.*



# Summer Library Events

## FOR YOUTH & TEENS

### **Spy School**

**Friday, June 30, 2–3 p.m., Auditorium**

For ages 6-14. Secret codes, invisible ink, disguises, a laser maze, and more! Get an introduction to the art of being sneaky and gathering information. Stations will be set up to visit.

### **Cookie Decorating**

**Friday, July 7, 2-3 p.m., Library Porch**



Creative and delicious! Build a better cookie with a variety of toppings that will let you make your cookie your own. We'll award prizes for the best cookies. Both gluten and gluten-free options will be available. Ages 3 and up.

### **Engineer It! Exploring Ancient Technologies**

**Tuesday, July 11, 3-4 p.m., Auditorium**

Build a shelter, design a boat, weave a shoe, or invent a fishing tool! Try out your own engineering skills while discovering technologies designed by Oregon's first engineers. Native American people have always used science and engineering to create effective tools, homes, clothing, cooking methods and more - passing this knowledge down through generations. Many of these innovations are still being used today! Join us to explore a collection of Oregon artifacts from the Museum of Natural and Cultural History and engage in fun, hands-on engineering challenges. For ages five and up. Presented by the Museum of Natural and Cultural History.

### **Stuffed Animal Sleepover**

**Monday, July 17, 6 p.m., Children's Room**

Bring your stuffed friend to this special evening storytime and then give your furry pal a kiss goodnight!

Your stuffed animals will have an overnight sleepover at the library, and you'll be able to pick



them up the next day along with souvenir photos of how much fun they all had together.

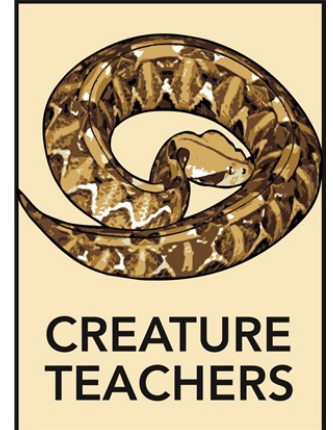
This is geared toward children ages 0-6, but children of all ages are welcome with a parent or caregiver.

### **Creature Teachers!**

**Friday, July 28, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Courtyard**



Learn about scaly, feathery, and furry friends in this interactive presentation! The Creature Teachers will bring several animal ambassadors with them from their rescue organization. They'll talk about the creatures and then you'll get a chance to observe them up close, touch them, and ask questions about them. All ages.



### **Jedi Training**

**Monday, July 31, 2-3 p.m., Auditorium**

Is the Force strong within you? Padawans ages 6-14 can learn their Jedi name, practice their light saber skills, traverse the universe as they hunt down bad guys, and more at our Jedi Training event!

### **Summer Reading Party**

**Saturday, August 12, 11 a.m.—12:30 p.m., Library Courtyard**

The Library hosts an annual end-of-summer party for all families who participated in the Summer Reading Program. Join us in the courtyard at the Library for yard games and ice cream and to claim your final prizes. For all ages.







**Fireworks  
10 p.m.**

# St. Helens 4th of July Celebration

[www.discovercolumbiacounty.com](http://www.discovercolumbiacounty.com)

## Make Art and Win Prizes



The St. Helens Arts & Cultural Commission (ACC) will host its seventh annual Trash Can Painting Competition on Tuesday, July 4 at 9:30 a.m. in Columbia View Park. Three prizes of \$150 will be awarded the day of the event for the can with the most artistic merit, best park theme, and people's choice.

Space is limited. Pre-registration for the competition is required by Tuesday, June 27, at 4:30 p.m. Applications are available to download on the ACC's website ([www.ci.st-helens.or.us/bc-acc](http://www.ci.st-helens.or.us/bc-acc)). Printed applications may be picked up at the St. Helens City Hall Water Department, 275 Strand Street, St. Helens.

On July 4, participants have from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. to paint their trash cans in Columbia View Park. Ready-to-paint trash cans, paint and painting supplies are provided by the ACC. Participants are also welcome to bring their own paints and supplies. Public voting will occur from 4-4:30 p.m. with winners announced at 5 p.m.

## 13 NIGHTS ON THE RIVER

13 Nights on the River is now delivering 13 nights from June through December on the river front at The Wauna Credit Union Stage. Please note new dates!!!!

June 1st – Hit Machine

June 15th – Showdown

June 29th – Workin' for the Weekend - Loverboy Tribute

June 30th – Radical Revolution

July 1st – Shoot to Thrill – AC/DC Tribute

July 2nd – Aerosmith Rocks

July 3rd – The Reflex – 70's Tribute

July 4th – Hit Machine - City of St. Helens Production

July 13th – Barracuda - Heart/Pat Benetar Tribute

July 27th – The Hollywood Squares

Aug 10th – The Horn Dawgs

Aug 24th – Quarterflash

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# McCormick Park Veterans Memorial Expansion

In April 2017, the City received a \$46,770 grant from Oregon Parks & Recreation's State Historic Preservation Office to expand the existing McCormick Park Veterans Memorial. The existing memorial pays tribute to servicemen by naming those who were killed in World War I, II, and Korea. The expansion will offer a place to honor by name all those Columbia County veterans who have lost their lives in the Gulf, Vietnam, and recent conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq.

This project will expand the existing Veterans Memorial Plaza into a larger colored concrete plaza with a concrete pathway around the perimeter leading to the new wall-like monument (see proposed site plan). The local VFW post and the St. Helens Parks Commission have been working with the Project Engineer to ensure their comfort with the proposed expansion and rehabilitation work.

During previous Veterans Day programmed events, it was realized that the existing memorial was not large enough to accommodate the celebration and ceremony. Previous Veterans Day celebrations have attracted State Senators and House Representatives as guest speakers. The audience, which often includes handicapped attendees, spills into the parking lot because the memorial is not large enough to accommodate everyone. The proposed expansion will rehabilitate the existing plaza with colored concrete (currently degrading pavers) and extend it by 2,920 square feet, ensuring it will be large enough to accommodate the large crowds that this event draws annually. The design includes a designated area for the 150 mm howitzer canon which is a part of the existing memorial, but currently takes up limited space that is available during events. It will also include relocation of the existing flag pole to better utilize the space and other ADA improvements to the parking lot and ramps.

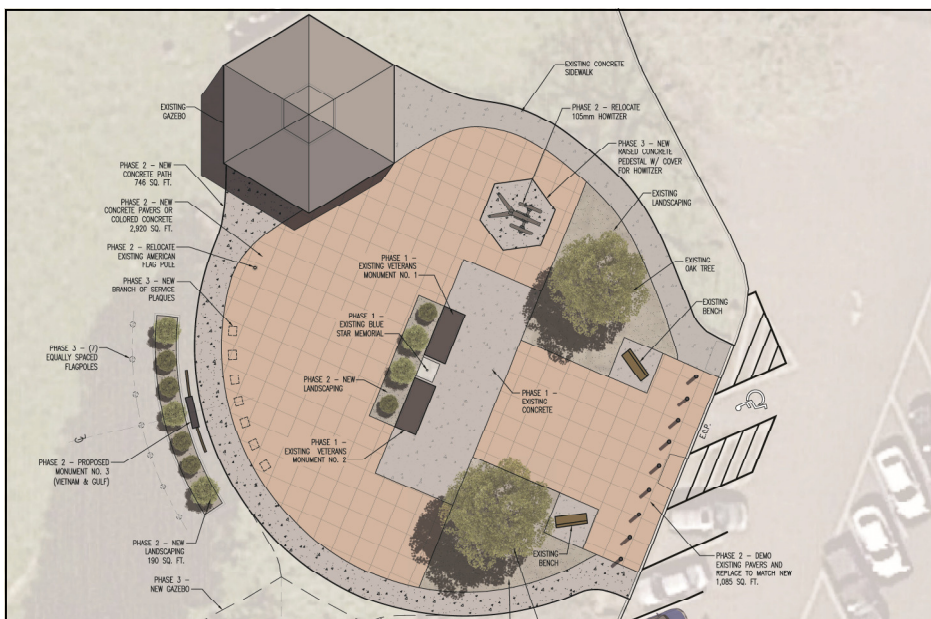
It is anticipated that this project will be completed by the November 2018 Veterans Day celebration. The total project budget is \$68,400. The City's match to the \$46,770 state grant will be mostly funded with in-kind labor and donations.

Questions, comments, or concerns?

Contact Jenny Dimsho, Associate Planner

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503-366-8207



**McCormick Park Veterans Memorial site plan expansion designed by Lower Columbia Engineering.**

## Public Meetings Calendar

### July

7/3	Youth Council	7 pm
7/5	City Council Work Session CANCELED	
	City Council Regular Session CANCELED	
7/11	Planning Commission	7 pm
7/17	Youth Council	7 pm
7/18	Library Board (Columbia Center)	7:15 pm
7/19	City Council Work Session	1 pm
	City Council Regular Session	7 pm
7/25	Arts & Cultural Commission	6:30 pm
7/31	Youth Council	7 pm

### August

8/2	City Council Work Session CANCELED	
	City Council Regular Session CANCELED	
8/8	Planning Commission	7 pm
8/14	Parks Commission	4 pm
8/14	Youth Council	7 pm
8/16	City Council Work Session	1 pm
	City Council Regular Session	7 pm
8/22	Arts & Cultural Commission	6:30 pm
8/22	Library Board (Columbia Center)	7:15 pm
8/28	Youth Council	7 pm
8/31	Bicycle & Pedestrian Commission	6:30 pm

### September

9/6	City Council Work Session	1 pm
	City Council Regular Session	7 pm
9/11	Youth Council	7 pm
9/12	Planning Commission	7 pm
9/18	Library Board (Columbia Center)	7:15 pm
9/20	City Council Work Session	1 pm
	City Council Regular Session	7 pm
9/25	Youth Council	7 pm
9/26	Arts & Cultural Commission	6:30 pm

Meeting agendas, packets and minutes, along with any changes, are available to view on the City's website at [www.ci.st-helens.or.us](http://www.ci.st-helens.or.us). Public Meetings are broadcast live on Comcast Channel 29.